

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

A fastening apparatus for use with a closure ~~means~~ device, including a latch configured to receive a catch that is attached to a closure device ~~means, characterised in that the~~. The latch includes a lever attached to a release mechanism for the fastening apparatus, ~~wherein the~~ The lever extends outwards from the closure ~~means~~ device when the closure ~~means~~ device is held in the open position.